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SUBJECT: DOJ INTERVIEW OF GEORGE MU

REFS: A) STATE 178727; B) STATE 159568; C) TOKYO 11931;
D) HALE/MU LETTER OF JUNE 2, 1978

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT
IT PLANS TO CONDUCT VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWS WITH CERTAIN
JAPANESE NATIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION INTO
THE ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS' ASSOCIA-
TION (REFTEL A). GOJ BEING NOTIFIED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE
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THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE OF INTERVIEWS WHICH ARE
SCHEDULED TO START WEEK OF AUGUST 7.

2. DOJ ALSO REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY IN INTERVIEWING
EMBOFF GOERGE MU AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE USHIJIMA ABOUT THEIR
KNOWLEDGE OF NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION,
JAPANESE MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (JMTBA) AND

REPORTING ON THE MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY. THESE WOULD BE VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWS. DEPARTMENT WHEN POSSIBLE LIKES TO COOPERATE WITH DOJ INVESTIGATIONS AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WITH JUSTICE REQUEST. SPECIAL DEPARTMENT PERMISSION WOULD BE NECESSARY IF MATERIAL WERE TO BE USED IN LEGAL ACTION, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME.

3. JUSTICE WILL ALSO DESCRIBE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ABOVE SUBJECT WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD SEARCH FOR AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO. HOWEVER, COPIES SHOULD BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND TRANSMISSION TO DOJ.

4. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS LEARNED THAT ONE OR MORE DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY, WILL VISIT JAPAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH ANY SUCH DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED NOT REPEAT NOT TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECTS ITS INVESTIGATION WITH VISITING BUSINESSMEN OR OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE MATTERS INCLUDE NATURE OR EXTENT OF COOPERATION BY GOJ, JUSTICE'S THEORIES, INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES OR PROCEDURES, NATURE OR IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION, OR INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SUCH SOURCES. THIS IS A SENSITIVE AND IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION WHICH MAY WELL BE OBSTRUCTED AS A RESULT OF ANY PREMATURE DISCLOSURE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. EMBASSY SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THIS REQUEST IN EVENT FUTURE INQUIRIES CONCERNING MACHINE TOOLS INVESTIGATION ARE RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE. VANCE

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